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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON VORSTER REFUSING TO ALLOW SMITH TO
RESIGN AND THREAT AGAINST TINY ROWLAND OF LONHRO

SUMMARY: IN REMARKS TO THE PRESS AFTER MAY 23 STATE HOUSE
MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG PRESIDENT KAUNDA AMONG OTHER
POINTS ACCUSED VORSTER OF INSISTING SMITH REMAIN IN OFFICE
UNTIL VORSTER'S CONDITIONS ON NAMIBIA ARE MET. KAUNDA ALSO
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ANNOUNCED VORSTER HAD THREATENED TO "PULL THE TRIGGER"
AGAINST LONHRO MANAGING DIRECTOR TINY ROWLAND BECAUSE LONHRO
WAS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNATIONAL OIL
COMPANY OPERATIONS WHICH ZAMBIA IS USING IN ITS SUITS
AGAINST THE OIL COMPANIES. END SUMMARY.

1. ATTRIBUTING HIS INFORMATION TO RELIABLE SOURCES, PRESIDENT

KAUNDA SAID THAT IAN SMITH ON THREE OCCASIONS HAS WANTED TO RESIGN, BUT HAD BEEN TOLD BY VORSTER "YOU JOLLY WELL WILL STAY THERE UNTIL I HAVE SOLVED MY NAMIBIA PROBLEM." KAUNDA ELABORATED THAT VORSTER WANTED TO KEEP SMITH IN PLACE SO THAT WHEN HIS CONDITIONS ON NAMIBIA ARE MET SMITH WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE WEST.

2. KAUNDA SAID THAT WESTERN OIL COMPANIES ARE IN A STATE OF PANIC. THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING MEETINGS IN ZURICH AT WHICH IMPORTANT RECORDS ARE BEING DESTROYED TO DEPRIVE ZAMBIA OF EVIDENCE IN THE SUITS IT HAS INSTITUTED AGAINST THEM. THIS ACTION IS TOO LATE, KAUNDA SAID, BECAUSE ZAMBIA ALREADY HAS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE LONHRO ORGANIZATION. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE, VORSTER BEING A RACIST, AND FASCIST, BUT IT IS STILL REPREHENSIBLE THAT HE WOULD SEND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LONHRO A MESSAGE THREATENING TO "PULL THE TRIGGER," WHATEVER THAT MEANS.
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